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EMBASSY QUERIED RICHARD WILSON, SENIOR TWO ADVISOR TO EAL, ON SUBJECT MATTER. WILSON INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO REPLY TO MESSAGE THROUGH EAL CHANNELS TO WASHINGTON OFFICE WHICH HE SUBSEQUENTLY DID ON AUGUST 6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WILSON'S CABLE FYI: QUOTE.

A. OFFICIAL CLEARANCE IS STILL NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUALS TO TRAVEL FROM ADDIS TO ASMARA AND VICE VERSA. CLEARANCE CAN BE OBTAINED ON DEPARTURE FROM THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT THE AIRPORT WITH-OUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AS BEFORE. B. INDIVIDUALS COMING DIRECTLY INTO ASMARA ON INCOMING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WILL NOT BE REOUIRED TO HAVE THE ABOVE CLEARANCE EXCEPT THAT (1) THEY MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF ONWARD OR RETURN TICKET AND (2) THEY MUST EITHER SECURE A TOURIST VISA IN ADVANCE OR OBTAIN A TOURIST VISA ON ARRIVING IN ASMARA (SAME PROCEDURE AS IN ADDIS ABABA) PROVIDED THEY HAVE MET REQUIREMENT (1) ABOVE. C. SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLOWED TO EMBARK ON FLIGHTS AT ASMARA HAVING MET THE NORMAL EMBARKATION FORMALITIES. UNQUOTE. FYI: OFFICIAL AMERICANS WISHING TO VISIT ASMARA FOR OFFICIAL PUR-POSEWS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A POLITICAL CLEARANCE FROM THE COM-PETENT AUTHORITIES. WE REQUEST SUCH CLEARANCES BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND THEY ARE USUALLY GRANTED WITHIN A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME (72 HOURS MINIMUM, END FYI. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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